

South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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HOG NUMBERS UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, June 27, 2003 –The state's June 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.32 million head, up 4 percent from June 2002 and up 2 percent from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 145,000 head, up 5,000 head from June 2002 but unchanged from last quarter. **Market hogs** totaled 1,175,000 head, 45,000 head above last year and 20,000 head above last quarter.

The March through May **pig crop** was 601,000 head, 2 percent below last year. During the quarter 66,000 sows farrowed, down 6 percent from 2002. Pigs per litter averaged 9.1, up from 8.8 the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 69,000 sows during June through August, unchanged from the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for September through November 2003 are for 70,000 farrowings, 15 percent above actual farrowings a year earlier.

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